



They don't call it "Classic Rock" for nothing!
Air Supply Rocks Aruba

This past Saturday night the Don Elias Mansur Ballpark was filled with love as the 'Dynamic Duo' of Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock, better known as Air Supply provided one of the most exciting concerts Arubans have ever witnessed.

A theme of "golden oldies" decided the music for the night, and local opening acts Marisela, and the Cryptus Convention delivered what the audience wanted to hear. This special reunion performance of Cryptus was particularly welcomed by their fans, as Tommy, Leoncito and Hildward Croes performed a show-stopping rendition of "The Last Resort" by the Eagles, and their own popular hit of the eighties, "Love Dream," as an encore.

Both groups did an excellent job of "warming up" the audience that came to see Air Supply, who dominated the stage with their charisma and fabulous voices, just as rich and vibrant as when they made their hit records back in the seventies and eighties. Air Supply still performs 200 concerts a year, and Saturday's show demonstrated why they are still so popular internationally. A superb sound system delivered music of studio quality, and the performers responded to the packed stadium of adoring fans, giving off waves of love and appreciation from the stage as they performed all the favorite hits that put them at the top of the charts for two decades.

At one point, while still singing, Russell Hitchcock walked off the stage and through the audience, shaking hands and giving high-fives, without missing a beat. The audience went wild, and cell phone cameras were clicking away.

Afterwards, the stars of the show spent some time at the back of the stadium giving a brief "meet and greet" with their fans, signing autographs and posing for pictures, something they revealed they always do after every show. The "after party" show, starring top island performer Claudius Phillips and Oreo was just that, one big party, as everyone began dancing in the aisles until well into the wee hours of the morning.

Aruba is known for its concerts featuring chart-topping groups from the past, and though billed as "A Night of Romance" the Air Supply concert put on by Edmond Croes and Top 95 FM was exhilarating and dynamic, enjoyed by all ages that attended, the songs and performances spanning generations. As Russell Hitchcock stated "the music is timeless," and the consummate showmanship of he and Graham Russell made it a concert and night to remember.